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BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers--Ground Floor, City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER
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6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES
 - a. Recognition of La Tierra Trails / ACEC 2015 Award for Excellence (Tyler Ashton) Item # 2
 - b. Muchismas Gracias Award for the Flow Trail volunteers (Staff)
7. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION & ACTION
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8. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Re-evaluation of standing subcommittees (Councilor Bushee, Staff)
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 - Mountain Bike
 - Bike Education and Outreach
 - La Tierra Master Plan
9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS
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11. ADJOURNMENT

Next Scheduled Meeting for BTAC is September 16, 2015, Packet Material due by September 8, 2015

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**MINUTES OF THE
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, August 19, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Two members were present at 5:30 and a quorum by 5:41.

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Member Gretchen Grogan, Acting Chair, at approximately 5:41 p.m., on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gretchen Grogan, Chair pro tem
Joseph Abbatacola
Paul Cooley
James Ronald Pacheco
Tomás Rivera

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair
Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair
John Longworth
Shelley Robinson

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Melissa McDonald, Staff Liaison
Tyler Ashton, Wilson & Company
John Romero, Traffic Engineering Director
Tim Rogers, Santa Fe Conservation Trust
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance for the conducting of official business.

NOTE: All items in the Committee packets for all agenda items are incorporated herewith to these minutes by reference. The original Committee packet is on file in the Public Works Department.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Grogan announced that the report on the Trail Tour will be presented by Member Abbatacola.

Member Cooley moved to approve the agenda as amended. Member Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 17, 2015

Chair Grogan asked to delay Approval of Minutes because the website only went to page 11 and the Chair is not here and that was a large part of the minutes.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no citizen communications.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

a. Recognition of La Tierra Trails / ACEC 2015 Award for Excellence (Tyler Ashton)

Mr. Ashton said he was here to present an award that Wilson & Company received in October, 2014. ACEC calls for projects for awards and they submitted and found out in April they won the award in the special project category. So he had a plaque for the City and the project poster that was submitted for the award. On behalf of Wilson & Company, he thanked the City and said it has been accomplished and is a great facility. He added that they could provide more if needed. Ms. McDonald accepted the award.

b. Muchismas gracias Award for the flow Trail volunteers.

Chair Grogan presented the awards for the volunteers. She thanked them for their service and as she called each name, Mr. Rogers handed out the awards. [A list of the awardees is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.]

7. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION & ACTION

a. On-Road Committee Report - CIP Funds / Bike Master Plan (John Romero)

Mr. Romero presented the report on CIP funds and the Bike Master Plan. He met with the On-Road Subcommittee to go over how to spend the \$500,000 remaining CIP bond funds. They decided to revise it a bit to better mimic what was mentioned in the Bicycle MP. The first two are projects that are completed and show the actual expenses. The rest except for #3 are already underway or not funded. A lot were funded by GO bonds and the subcommittee decided to use CIP funds to fund those without other funds.

He also noted that the City Council asked to look at alternate materials such as epoxy at Don Gaspar and Peralta. With epoxy, the price went up \$3-4,000. From there on down - the 4.2 and 3.3 are where they

are listed in MP and the cost estimate is taken out of the MP so they might vary a little.

The only two that were not on MP were the Osage bike lane and Paseo de Peralta from Palace to Old Santa Fé Trail and they want to extend it further to Guadalupe at the Railyard. It is a corridor with signals and it needs a traffic count. Another benefit is that it would take bikers back to the Rail Trail.

From other city funds is 4.5 - Galisteo widening that has \$6,500 out of GO bond funds. They linked 4.4, 4.5 and 4.7 together as one project and hired one contractor to do all of those improvements. There are restriping there and maybe other construction.

The bottom line is around \$495,000 so it is close but it will fluctuate as we go through them. The resolution for the green striping pilot project was passed by Council. The second part was to come up with Implementation Plan and that is the Bike MP. So he will present it to Council next time and show the unfunded projects out of the Bike MP in the order they are presented there.

Member Pacheco asked how many unfunded projects remain.

Mr. Romero didn't have the plan with him.

Member Rivera asked where the other funds came from.

Mr. Romero said it was from the GO bond because it was in the plan for GO Plan funding.

Member Abbatacola thanked Mr. Romero for putting this all together and tying it to the Bike MP. On the Peralta road diet, he asked if it would be possible to reduce to one lane.

Mr. Romero said the portion from Palace to Old Santa Fé Trail is 4 lane and might become 3 lanes (2 lanes with median).

Chair Grogan noted that 4.7 says Galisteo but she thought it is San Mateo.

Mr. Romero agreed. It is San Mateo from Galisteo to 2nd Street and agreed to make the correction.

Chair Grogan said for Siringo Road, it is a study from Campanas to Botulph for feasibility just east of St. Francis and the rest is already decided.

Mr. Romero agreed. They are doing an overlay project. So it is at St. Francis/Siringo and goes past St. Mike's High School to Botulph and then west of Carlos Rey they are looking at bike lanes there but right now there is parking that is not being utilized. So before eliminating the parking, they will have an ENN meeting with the consultant present and provide the feedback if there is opposition and a decision will be made then.

Member Cooley said the plan they looked at had a center turn lane and the Committee decided it would be best to eliminate the turn lane and put in bike lanes.

Mr. Romero pointed out that would, in essence, eliminate the parking. That was an oversight on the design. They didn't realize the impacts of that design so they would do that regardless.

Member Abbatacola noted on the green bike lanes, that Mr. Wilson is inviting people to meet where it is going in on Richards Avenue.

Mr. Romero said the company is trying to show off their project and coming from California and trying to get into New Mexico.

Member Abbatacola asked if they are meeting on the road itself.

Mr. Romero agreed. It is to see what is on the road and be able to scrape it with your feet, etc.

Member Cooley moved to approve the report with the change on 4.7.

Member Rivera asked if the Committee can take action.

Mr. Romero agreed and asked if the motion could add that the resolution comes to Council with a 5 year plan plus whatever is remaining in the five-year plan. These are funded and the rest are not.

Member Cooley agreed.

Member Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Report from Santa Fe Police Department Bike Patrol Officers

Chair Grogan welcomed two Santa Fé Police Officers to make a presentation to the Committee. They are part of the City's bicycle team. The officer that was to be present could not attend. There have been concerns expressed about harassment on the trail and they came to address that and explain how they functioned.

The officers explained that they have been directed to limit their patrol to down areas although they do bicycle and run the trails and can stay in closer contact with citizens who use the trails. They had not heard about the harassment and said they would check into it further. They agreed that there have been problems on Acequia Trail with drinking, camping. When it was cleaned up with landscaping, it took care of it. They said if they could get more information about it, they could set up a case plan and present it to the department and do something to alleviate it.

Ms. McDonald agreed to follow up with Councilor Bushee. She added that on September 1, the City is having a public hearing on the underpass at St. Francis and there have been a lot of questions. The meeting will be at 1300 Sierra Vista from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the BF Young Center.

Member Pacheco said that in the planning process BTAC should have involved the police. It was a huge part of the discussion. We tried to address that and stopped calling the underpass a tunnel. The

design is trying to get sunlight during the day and lighting at night. The design will hopefully alleviate the problem of people living there.

Ms. McDonald told them she is the River Shed Coordinator and she is trying to lift those trees so you can see in there. If there is a particular area that is a problem, she asked the patrol officers to let her know.

Chair Grogan thanked them for coming to this meeting.

b. Santa Fe Conservation Trust – Trails Volunteer Coordinator Update (Tim Rogers)

Mr. Rogers pointed out that the item in the packet was from last month. Councilor Bushee had asked for a written report so he submitted it. The report is also on their website.

He said they have continued a lot of the same activities through the summer. He also included a memo on the Dog Park connector to La Tierra. He will meet with City staff on Monday and look at the site again to see how to proceed on the connection.

They are also working with City Staff to replace the Dale Ball signage. It is pretty straightforward.

Since this report was submitted, SFCT has worked with City Tourism and made a deal for the Google Trekker on the trails. He organized a lot of volunteers so we have done a lot of the trails with Google Trekker. It is a new area of volunteer coordination.

A new project is to connect the Dale Ball trails across the Santa Fé River. The Water Division is tearing down a filter plant so SFCT will make a legitimate crossing there. It is at the two mile reservoir. The valley of the river is off limits and lots of people ignore the sign. They now want to make it legitimate.

They are also working with various partners on the grand, unified trail system through private donors. They will plan around soft surface trails for a connected systems and travel between them. He is getting various partners to sign on through Councilor Bushee and she wants it to have a City/County endorsement. On the website you can find it under Grand Unified Trail System.

Chair Grogan thanked him for the report.

c. Report on BTAC Trail Tour of 2008 Bond Projects (Joseph Abbatacola)

Member Abbatacola noted that about six weeks ago several members went out for an informal audit on the 2008 parks bond. They met with Leroy Pacheco and one other staff member and rode all over the City. They didn't get into great detail on each project but it was very enlightening. Various people said it would be great for BTAC to get out in the field in a formal outing to look at things. It was great to see the progress that was made.

Member Pacheco said it was an incredible day. They started at the Museum Trail and went to Sam's Club and circled back. From it, they took away a need to have a consistent scope of work for trail thickness. One trail they observed was Museum Trail to Camino Corrales. It is concrete and has cracks clear across. The River Trail is super thick with no cracks and is an older trail. So we need to be spending money on Museum Trail and need a plan for proper thickness of the trail. It is one thing to sit here and approve building trails but if we cannot maintain them, it is a problem. It occurred to him on this trip.

The Gail Ryba Trail is completely different than the underpass project. Member Abbatacola knew the details. It was interesting to talk about moisture and adjusting the berm and leakages. So we need to look at the whole scope. The City helped us in looking at them, thanks to Staff.

He added that Mr. Rogers was very helpful in the afternoon and guided us and pointed out things. Right on St. Francis, there is a lot of concrete from curb to fence at the School for the Deaf and it is a great opportunity for landscaping features there.

Ms. McDonald said the other Staff member was Simon Vigil. She said she would let him know you appreciated his help.

8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Re-evaluation of standing subcommittees (Councilor Bushee and Staff)

- 1) On-Road Subcommittee**
- 2) Mountain Bike Subcommittee**
- 3) Bike Education and Outreach Subcommittee**
- 4) La Tierra Master Plan Subcommittee**

Chair Grogan said Councilor Bushee was going to lead this discussion. So it should be postponed to the next meeting.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McDonald spoke again about the September 1 ENN meeting. We are getting out the word and inviting people to come. Anything BTAC members can do to let people know would be great.

Regarding bike sharing, the MPO wants to update BTAC on where they are with the corral survey results at the next meeting.

Member Abbatacola said the problem with bike sharing in any cities is that the economics don't make sense.

Member Rivera said, to him and the people he works with, the biggest issues have been addressed.

Ms. McDonald said she would put it on the agenda for next time.

Member Abbatacola thanked Ms. McDonald. He said he bikes to Home Depot where they have no bike parking. There is one at Lowes.

Member Cooley said he had complained to Home Depot. They had one in at the time they built the building but took it out later.

Member Abbatacola said Georgia from Home Depot was supposed to send someone out last week. He was there on the weekend and mentioned it. What happened was when they did a minor expansion it was moved and didn't get moved back. That is what he was told.

Member Rivera asked what the consequences are.

Ms. McDonald didn't know. It is a violation and she could find out. Georgia did say they would follow up.

Member Abbatacola suggested that as BTAC compiles the list for next application to go for gold, it would be good to compile all of these things to have a running list instead of trying to remember them all. E.g. council approved no parking in bike lanes.

Ms. McDonald said it would be great to have a subcommittee to do that and encouraged BTAC to consider a subcommittee for the application.

Member Pacheco said that list exists already.

Ms. McDonald said she would check with Mr. Siqueiros on it. She wasn't sure if that is part of her job description. She was happy to look into it but needed BTAC to support her.

10. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Member Pacheco said they compiled some things to be addressed by the board. On Gonzales from Palace to Artist Road, the bike lane is now overgrown and bikers have to bike in the middle of the road. It is mostly Chinese elms and Chamisa.

Chair Grogan said Bishop's Lodge Road is deteriorating, forcing bikers into the traffic lane. The other road is Hyde Park Road. Old Pecos Trail is being repaved. She asked if there are plans for bike lanes there.

Mr. Rogers said John Romero mentioned that it is getting repaved and we mentioned bike lanes. It was a problem area before repaving. If they could have the lane on the uphill side, it is needed there.

Ms. McDonald said she would add that to the list and follow up with email to Mr. Romero.

Mr. Rogers said it was to be redone with a median and the neighbors objected to the treatment so it never happened. It transitions into Old Santa Fé Trail and Cordova but the treatment never got extended.

Ms. McDonald asked where on Bishops Lodge Road the problem was.

Chair Grogan said it is from Morales north up to Baranca and that whole section is going up the hill.

Member Abbatacola said he is being very vigilant to keep graffiti off the trails and is sending emails to Santa Fé Beautiful. They did a lot of clean up on the Rail Trail and it looked greater than ever. They are very understaffed and it is hard for them to keep it off all of the City.

Secondly, for overgrowth on trails or bike lanes, her urged members to use the on-line for constituent services as very effective. He contacted them about the Rail Trail overgrowth that way. Sometimes you have to send it several times. You start to type in and it has categories pop up.

11. ADJOURNMENT

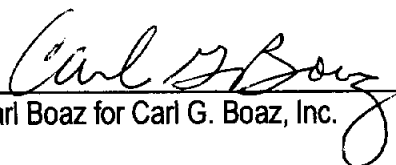
Member Abbatacola moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.

Top 16 Flow Trail Volunteers: Primarily April -May 2015, plus July Work Day

HOURS		
Peter	Prince	131.75
Brent	Bonwell	105.5
Henry	Lanman	99.25
Steve	Washburn	87.5
Chris	Sheehan	60
Pat	Brown	58.2
Rainer	Neumann	54.75
Mike	Mellon	31.5
Tina	Lanman	24.5
Rich	Strang	24
Tim	Fowler	23.5
Dean	Fry	23
Shelley	Longmire	21
Rachel	Weaver	20.5
Daniel	Weaver	20
Courtney	Janak	19.5
		1140.95

The “Flow Trail” is a bicycle-specific, one-way trail in the City of Santa Fe’s “La Tierra Trails,” just over one mile long. This specialized trail was built by community volunteers, primarily from the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society, along with professional assistance from Joey Klein of the International Mountain Bicycling Association’s “Trail Solutions” program. The Flow Trail’s banked turns, rises and drops combine to form a unique trail resource in our area that can be enjoyed by cyclists of all ages and abilities. Planning steps toward the Flow Trail were a key to Santa Fe’s recognition by IMBA in 2014 as a “Ride Center” at the “Silver” level - a level achieved by only eleven communities around the world [1 gold, 10 silver].

Under a Memorandum of Agreement with the City, the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society took the lead on this project, dealing with complex logistical arrangements, contracting with IMBA Trails Solutions and Zia Archaeology, and providing most of the substantial pool of volunteer labor required to complete the Flow Trail. The brunt of the work took place during a three-week period in April 2015. Seventy volunteers recorded nearly 1,100 hours of labor to complete this trail, but the actual number of volunteer hours worked may be 20—25% higher. A ribbon-cutting, celebration, and volunteer recognition event took place at the top of the Flow Trail on Wed., May 13, 2015, as an adjunct event to Bike-to-Work Week and the Outside / Bike and Brew Festival.

Top volunteers recorded the following hours worked in the field to complete the Flow Trail:

Peter Prince	132
Brent Bonwell	106
Henry Lanman	99
Steve Washburn	85
Chris Sheehan	60
Rainer Neumann	55
Pat Brown	54
Mike Mellon	32
Tina Lanman	25
Rich Strang	24
Rachel Weaver	21
Daniel Weaver	20
Tim Fowler	20
Courtney Janak	20

Financial assistance for the construction of the Flow Trail was provided by SFFTS, the City of Santa Fe (via the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee), and a special grant from REI. Thanks also go to the City’s Parks and Recreation Department, City Trails Engineering staff, the City’s Archaeological Review Committee, and Zia Archaeology for helping to clear the way to make this trail happen in harmony with the City’s stewardship of public open spaces and cultural resources.

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust, acting as the City of Santa Fe’s Trail Volunteer Coordinator, helped with arrangements for archaeological review and protection of significant archaeological sites, coordinating assistance from the City Parks Division, and monitoring for compliance with city requirements around trail construction. SFCT also assisted with recruiting and tracking volunteer labor, trail planning and design considerations, logistics, placement of signage, and organizing the ribbon-cutting event on May 13.

For more information and photos, see: <http://www.sfct.org/trails/sfct-trail-events-in-2015/flow-trail-construction-la-tierra-trails-apr-9-may-3-2015>